

House File 424 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act making text-messaging while driving a primary offense.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.276, subsection 5, Code 2015, is
2 amended by striking the subsection.

3 EXPLANATION

4 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
5 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

6 Current law provides that a peace officer shall not stop
7 or detain a person solely for a suspected violation of Code
8 section 321.276, which prohibits text-messaging while driving.
9 Code section 321.276 is enforceable by a peace officer only as
10 a secondary action when the driver of a motor vehicle has been
11 stopped or detained for a suspected violation of another law.
12 This bill strikes these provisions and makes a violation of
13 Code section 321.276 a primary offense. The scheduled fine for
14 violating Code section 321.276 is \$30.